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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 9141

C O N F I D E N T I A L GENEVA 06704

FROM LOS DEL

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PLOS

SUBJECT: LOS: STRAITS AND FRENCH NOTE VERBALE CONCERNING  
AMOCO CADIZ

REF: STATE 079984

1. IN CONVERSATION APRIL 28, CANADIAN LOS DEL LEADER  
BEESLEY ASKED IF US HAD PROTESTED FRENCH PRIOR NOTICE  
REQUIREMENT FOR ENGLISH CHANNEL. HE REMARKED THAT CUSTO-  
MARY LAW WAS EVOLVING FASTER THAN THE LOS TEXT, WHICH  
"MIGHT HAVE TO CATCH UP." BOTH SPAIN AND MALAYSIA ARE  
TALKING ABOUT THE MOVE.

2. USDEL NOTES THAT DEFENSE DEPARTMENT HAS STRONGLY  
OPPOSED NOTICE REQUIREMENTS FOR STRAITS TRANSIT FOR SHIPS  
OR AIRCRAFT, INCLUDING ANY POSSIBILITY OF PRECEDENT LEAD-  
ING TO REQUIREMENT TO IDENTIFY THOSE CARRYING NUCLEAR  
WEAPONS OR MATERIAL. (THIS IS CLEARLY DISTINGUISHABLE  
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FROM REQUIREMENT FOR NOTICE OF POLLUTING DISCHARGES, E.G.,  
UNDER 1973 LONDON CONVENTION.)

3. ACTION REQUESTED: IF FRENCH NOTE VERBALE TRANSMITTED  
TO DEPARTMENT ON MARCH 24 HAS BEEN RESPONDED TO, PLEASE  
CABLE TEXT TO LOS DEL. GIVEN EXTENSIVE US-FRENCH COOPERA-  
TION HERE AND IN IMCO, AND CANDID ATTITUDE OF FRENCH LEGAL

ADVISER DE LACHARRIERE REGARDING LEGALITY OF FRENCH MOVES  
AND PRECEDENT PROBLEMS THEY CREATE, WE SEE NO POLITICAL  
PROBLEMS WITH US PUTTING ITS LEGAL POSITION ON THE RECORD.  
IF A RESPONSE HAS NOT YET BEEN MADE, LOS DEL RECOMMENDS  
DEPARTMENT IN WRITING NOTE INTERIM NATURE OF FRENCH MOVES,  
PLEDGE COOPERATION AT LOS AND IN IMCO AND OTHER VOLUNTARY  
COOPERATION, BUT FORMALLY RESERVE US POSITION UNDER INTER-  
NATIONAL LAW ON UNILATERAL NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS AND  
NAVIGATIONAL REGULATIONS IN STRAITS OR BEYOND THE TERRI-  
TORIAL SEA. RICHARDSON

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